

## **Fort McCoy Regulation 200-4**

**Directorate Plans, Training  
Mobilization and Security**

# **Firewood Cutting**

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# SUMMARY of CHANGE

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- ✍ Incorporates changes in office locations and changes in phone numbers due to reorganization of Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security.
- ✍ Directorate of Training, Mobilization and Security has been changed to Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS)
- ✍ Eliminates check-in and check-out requirements. Law enforcement performs routine patrols of the firewood areas as a check on who is in the area.
- ✍ Requires permit holders to display an activity card in their windshield in line with the requirements of hunting and fishing permit holders.
- ✍ Allows the collection of wood chips created from grinding piles of wood waste located on Fort McCoy.
- ✍ Includes the prohibition of cutting standing dead trees in the cantonment area. This eliminates the danger of a firewood cutting dropping a dead tree on the road, a building, fence or any other real property improvement.

### Training Activities

**HISTORY.** This is the first publishing of the firewood regulations in this format and under the 200 series.

**SUMMARY.** This regulation sets forth the rules and restrictions for cutting firewood and gathering wood chips on Fort McCoy.

**APPLICABILITY.** This regulation applies to all persons, military and civilian, who cut firewood or gather wood chips on Fort McCoy. All seasons, dates, and restrictions are subject to change by Fort McCoy authorities.

**PROPONENT EXCEPTION AUTHORITY.** The proponent of this regulation is the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS), Range and Training Division, Biological and Cultural Resources Team (BCRT). The proponent has the authority to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulation.

**ARMY MANAGEMENT CONTROL PROCESS.** Following a review of guidance in AR 11-2, it is determined that this regulation does not contain management control provisions.

**SUPPLEMENTATION.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited.

**INTERIM CHANGES.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless authenticated by the Publications Manager. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration date unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS.** Users are invited to send comments, suggested improvements, or updates on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and blank forms). Address comments to DPTMS (AFRC-FM-TMR-B), 110 East Headquarters Road, Fort McCoy, Wisconsin 54656-5226.

**MOBILIZATION STATUS.** This regulation remains in effect without change during mobilization or national emergency.

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**SUPERSESSION:** This regulation supersedes 420-01-00, 1 April 2000.

## **CHAPTER 1**

### **Introduction**

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## CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1-1. PURPOSE. This regulation sets forth laws and restrictions for wood cutting/wood chip collecting on Fort McCoy.

1-2. APPLICABILITY. This regulation applies to all persons, military and civilian, who cut firewood or collect wood chips on Fort McCoy. All seasons, dates, and restrictions are subject to change by Fort McCoy authorities.

1-3. REGULATION.

a. Dates – Hours.

(1) The Fort McCoy firewood/wood chip season shall be open from 1 January through 1 May and the first working day in September through 31 December each year except during the annual Gun Deer season in the training areas. The season will be open all year in the cantonment area.

(2) Cutting, hauling, and collecting will be conducted during daylight only. **Civilian vehicles must adhere to the posted Black Out Drive requirements.**

(3) The Commander may suspend all hauling operations during the period of spring thaw whenever excessive damage will occur to road surfaces, and may cease all cutting and hauling operations during serious fire hazard periods or when military activities create a safety hazard or mission disruption potential.

b. Cutting Permits. Permits cost \$5.00 per day and may be purchased by any person over 16 years of age except those barred from Fort McCoy or are under suspension for violating any Fort McCoy Natural Resource Regulation. **Checks will not be accepted.** Permits must be purchased by the permit holder (or spouse) at Permit Sales at 103 West Headquarters Road, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will authorize firewood cutting or wood chip collecting for the permit holder only. Permits must be in possession of the permit holder when cutting/collecting and/or traveling on Fort McCoy property. Cutters are authorized to cut and remove wood only on the day authorized by the permit. Permits may be purchased in advance of the date requested.

c. Cutting Locations and Limits. Firewood will be cut, and wood chips collected in authorized areas only. Information concerning these areas will be available where the permit is purchased. Paint marked trees will not be cut unless authorized in writing by the post forester. A load is limited to vehicles smaller than a semi-tractor and trailer. The number of loads per day is limited to one vehicle (with or without a trailer) and as many loads that can be hauled on the specified day.

d. Wood to be cut or collected. Only standing dead trees and dead trees lying on the ground will be cut. Only down trees may be cut in the Cantonment area. However, special areas of live trees may be authorized in writing by the post forester. The cutting of unauthorized live trees or trees dead or live outside the designated area, will constitute a violation. Areas of commercial firewood or timber sales are off limits to firewood permit holders. This wood is the property of a person or corporation and any removal constitutes theft. Only wood chips piled from debris grinding operations may be collected.

1-4. VIOLATIONS.

a. Penalties. Wisconsin State Timber Trespass Laws generally apply to Fort McCoy through the operation of 10 U.S.C. 2671 and 18 U.S.C. 13. "Whoever is guilty of an act or omission within the boundaries of the Fort McCoy military reservation, which would be punishable if committed within the jurisdiction of the State of Wisconsin, is guilty of like offense. Therefore, violations of such laws and violations of this regulation may result in revocation of the Fort McCoy firewood permit, criminal prosecution in Federal Court, being barred from Fort McCoy, immediate removal from the Installation, loss of any cut wood on the ground or in the act of transport, and/or disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military

Justice for persons subject thereto.

b. **Vehicle Search.** Owners or operators of motor vehicles entering Fort McCoy do thereby consent to the search of the motor vehicle without requirements of a search warrant.

c. Any violation of this regulation will immediately cancel any remaining authority for firewood cutting/wood chip collecting and/or removal. Violations will also suspend/revoke all privileges to include hunting, fishing, trapping, and firewood cutting/wood chip collecting for one year. The U.S. government will not accept liability for damages or injuries to persons or property, real or personal, resulting from this operation. Fort McCoy will be indemnified for any damage due to real or personal property as result of any act or omission in cutting or hauling firewood. Neither the permit nor any interest therein shall be assigned or transferred by the permit holder to any other party (section 3737, Revised Statutes, as amended by 41 U.S.C. 15).

**1-5. CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT.** There are no check-in or check-out procedures required. Vehicles for cutting in the cantonment area will have to follow the vehicle registration rules required at the main gate.

**1-6. CUTTERS'/COLLECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES.**

a. **Activity Information Card.** All permit holders are required to display a 5x8 information card on the passenger's side of the windshield with the following information: Permit holder's full name, Activity (fire wood cutting, wood chip collecting), and emergency contact phone number. Officers from the Law Enforcement Branch will be routinely patrolling the cutting/collecting areas.

b. **Game Line.** All cutters/collectors are expected to call the **GAME LINE, (608) 388-4263**, to check if the cutting/collecting area is closed to public use because of training activities.

c. **Reporting information.** Cutters/collectors are required to notify the (1) Installation Fire Station about uncontrolled fires on or off the Installation and (2) the Law Enforcement Branch about locations of unexploded munitions, shells, flares, grenades and suspicious looking objects and any observed violations of federal, state or post regulations or laws.

d. **Conduct.** All cutters/collectors are expected to display proper conduct and willingly cooperate with military officials, other cutters/collectors and Fort McCoy officials conducting forest management operations. The authority of the Department of Police will be recognized.

e. **Miscellaneous.** All persons are warned that, within the boundaries of Fort McCoy it is unlawful to:

- (1) Pick up, disturb, or carry off government equipment, ordnance, munitions, or parts of the same;
- (2) Litter, this includes placing/using flagging tape;
- (3) Start fires (charcoal fires in designated areas are allowed);
- (4) Camp overnight except at the Pine View Recreation Area.

f. **Archaeological Resources.** It is illegal to dig, excavate, disturb the ground, or collect archaeological artifacts on Fort McCoy. Violators are subject to criminal penalties involving fines or imprisonment or both and civil fines and forfeiture of vehicles and equipment used in connection with a violation. Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 USC 470, and 36 CFR 261.9). Violators will be prosecuted.

**1-7. FORT MCCOY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.** The DPTMS is responsible for the overall program. The BCRT is responsible for the day-to-day office and field operations and the implementation of the procedures as stated. The Law Enforcement Branch, Protective Services Division, is responsible to patrol the firewood cutting areas and enforce this regulation.

#### 1-8. PROCEDURES.

a. Firewood (Sales Operation). The Permit Sales Clerk and the alternates (Forester, Forestry Technician and Fish and Wildlife Collections Officer) will be assigned on official orders from the Fort McCoy Adjutant to sell firewood permits. Maps showing locations and a copy of the Fort McCoy Regulation will be provided to all permit holders. Copies of permits sold will be maintained by number sequence and filed in a locked safe. All monies will be accounted for daily and secured at all times. Cash receipts will be turned in to the Fort McCoy Credit Union who will forward the receipts to the Finance and Accounting Office servicing Fort McCoy. The turn-in will occur whenever the total amount exceeds \$200 and on the last day of the month.

b. Field Procedures. Locations selected by BCRT for firewood will be cleared with the Training Officer and Range Safety prior to cutting. The Fort McCoy Forester will provide maps, cutting details and wood chip collecting areas to Law Enforcement Branch. Directional signs may be installed by BCRT to assist cutters in locating firewood and wood chip areas when necessary. Location boundaries will consist of easily identified natural features whenever possible.